

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please amend paragraph [0011] to read as follows:

In one or more embodiments, the repository of reusable screen components may include a tray component, a tab-strip component, a tool-bar component, a text area component, a form-box component, a selection-box component, a table-view component, a table-view-for-time-series component, and/or a chart component. Further, the means for storing the rendering information may include means for storing [[a]] layout settings of the selected components, properties of the selected components, and/or the handling of data represented by the selected components.

Please amend paragraph [0028] to read as follows:

Referring now to ~~FIG.~~ Figure 3, the composition of an exemplary user interface (UI) is described. Consistent with an embodiment of the invention, a user interface framework may be provided that introduces standardization to the process of creating user interfaces for web applications in order to achieve code reusability. The raw model used for the screen layout may be based on the assumption that a web application, shown, for example, in browser window 20, is made up of a navigation menu (or feature menu) 21, any given number of screen-frames 22 and/or any given number of graphical user interface (GUI) components 23-27 contained in the screen-frames 22. The GUI components 23-27 may include any required number of different components 26-27 that may be configured to display business data and/or any other type of data.

Please amend paragraph [0030] to read as follows:

In ~~FIG.~~ Figure 3, an exemplary composition of a user interface application screen is shown. In a browser window 20, the user interface or UI is composed of a navigation ~~[[tree]]~~ menu 21 and an application screen-frame 22. The application screen-frame 22 is composed of a first toolbar component 23, a second toolbar component 24, a selection-box component 25, a form-box component 26, and a table-view-for-time-series 27. The application screen further includes a title bar, which is set on top of it.

Please amend paragraph [0042] to read as follows:

A frequent problem in connection with software products is the code responsibility. In the event of customers reporting bugs, ~~[[its]]~~ it is very important to quickly identify the responsible developer. Thus, the response time required for the correction can be minimized and the whole maintenance process can be simplified. As a matter of fact, better code and smarter software architectures can signify for remarkable savings in a long-term horizon. Embodiments of the present invention may be implemented bearing this in mind in order to separate the responsibilities of application developers from the responsibilities of UI framework developers.

Please amend paragraph [0045] to read as follows:

Furthermore, other embodiments of the invention, including modifications and adaptations of the disclosed embodiments, will be apparent to those skilled in the art from consideration of the specification and practice of the embodiments of the invention disclosed herein. Additionally, although aspects of the present invention are described for being stored in memory, one skilled in the art will appreciate that these aspects can also be stored on other types of computer-readable media, such as secondary storage devices, storage accessible via the Internet, ~~or other propagation medium~~; and/or other

forms of RAM or ROM. Therefore, it is intended that the specification and examples be considered as exemplary only, with a true scope and spirit of the invention being indicated by the following claims.